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IN RE APPLICATION OF : CONFIRMATION NO: 7132
YASUKAZU NAKAKITA, ET AL. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO: 10/589,389 :
FILED: AUGUST 15, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: METHOD OF DETECTING AND :
IDENTIFYING LACTIC ACID
BACTERIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Communication dated May 9, 2007, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.